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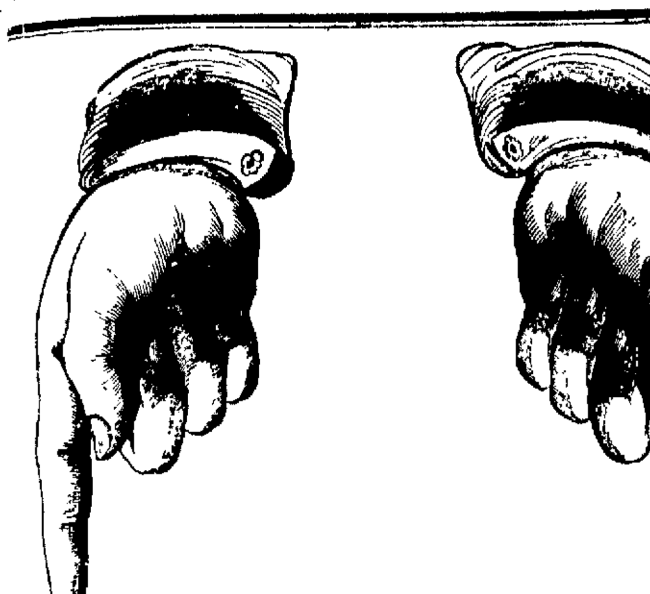

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Dec. 1, 1883—dtf

A Queer Sort of Truce Custom.

[A. O. Marshall's "Army Life."]

As time wore on, by gradual process, without any formal agreement, we came to a mutual understanding with the Confederates in our front. After this, firing at night practically ceased on our part of the line. A sort of spontaneous truce would spring up each night. The way it worked was this: As the sun went down the artillery would cease firing; after this the rifle firing would gradually grow less, and by the time daylight would pass away it would cease entirely. A few minutes after the last shot was heard some one upon one side or the other would rise a little above his works for a second and then drop out of sight. If no gun was fired upon either side, some soldier on the other side would repeat the action. If no gun was now heard, a soldier upon our side or the rebel side would openly stand up in sight of the opposite line, and his action would be replied to by one of his opponents. Those two soldiers, Union and Confederate, would look across at each other a moment, and then, no firing being heard, one after another on each side would get up, and then we would have a line of Union sharpshooters sitting upon top of their works looking over at a line of Confederate soldiers sitting upon theirs, each within easy rifle range of the other. When this was done it was understood that all firing was over for the day.

As it began to grow dark each side would send a line of guards over in front of their works to remain during the night. These lines were often within a short distance of each other. As we had much work to do upon our new lines, the enemy was usually first ready, and it would be on his side that the movement for the night's truce was made. If for any reason we were not ready, the soldier who exposed himself for this purpose was not fired at, but a gun would be fired in the air, which was notice for all to again seek protection. In the morning it was the same. If the guards who had advanced upon the ground between the two opposing armies tarried longer than the other side desired, a warning gun would be fired in the air above them, but no one would be fired at until ample time had been given for all to return to their own works. One of the strangest things connected with these nightly truces was that they were confined to different parts of the line. * * * The Union troops at our immediate left and the rebel troops in their front never had any such understanding, and with them it was a continual fight day and night." The reason for this the author states to have been want of confidence in each other, those rebel troops being considered "the most inferior and worthless in the rebel army—despised by the braver men in their own army, as well as by us."

A Humiliating Reflection.

[New York News "Art Babble."]

The other afternoon I stood in a sculptor's studio as the evening closed in. Among the heavy draperies and in the gloomy corners ghosts of his art loomed with the exaggerated and solemn vastness such forms assume when their details are only imperfectly revealed. Out of the populous shade one figure, pallid, lofty, sinuous with a weird and superhuman grace, started forward in the motionless and silent air, into an absolutely startling activity. Twisting up out of the shadows, without apparent base or support, the charming yet sinister genius of the whirlwind seemed to be blown upward over us by the fierce blast she typified.

"You ought to put that figure in marble," I said.

"And starve?" the sculptor asked, in a voice which echoed hollowly among the shadows.

There was something in this answer, which made me shudder. The tone in which it was uttered was not one of sarcasm or of anger. It was the quiet and commonplace voice of a man making an every-day remark; it was eloquent in the simplicity of its resignation; it was horrible in the positive fact it suggested. There was no despair in it, for the speaker was a man, not a coward; but there was no hope in it either. It rebuked me for a question which I had meant in all honesty as a tribute to the artist's greatness, and which circumstances had turned into a dagger to stab him. What would be the result, indeed, if he did put this figure into the permanent material it should be formed in? Want while he labored on it and want while it went begging for a purchaser. It is a painful, a humiliating reflection, for me at least, that in all America the rich man does not exist who will say to the creator of the best conception of its kind ever given shape, "Finish the work you have begun."

Magazine Wood Cuts.

[New York News.]

Apropos of wood engraving it is interesting to note how thoroughly that of the magazines has come down to a hard-pan basis of common sense. The absurd straining for novelty which made their pages a year ago a species of incoherent pictorial puzzle, has given place to sensible work. The artists who used to do their best to make a drawing look as little like a drawing as they could have now got back to serious labor. However, the transcendental rage in engraving did one thing; it demonstrated what can be done with a wood block and a burin if the man who handles them is competent to his task.

A Plucky Boy Violinist.

[Chicago Tribune.]

A boy of 13 years, whose violin playing had long been the wonder of a Cossack village, recently reached St. Petersburg after a journey of 1,500 miles on foot, allured by the hope of obtaining free instruction at the conservatory. But hardships and overexertion had worn the little fellow out, and he was taken to a hospital dangerously ill of typhoid fever. Should he recover he will certainly find abundant opportunity to show whether his talent is equal to his courage.

American pork is now excluded from France, Germany, Italy, Austria, and Russia.

LIVES AND LIVES.

How easy they take it, their handful of Life!
No question, no struggle, no labor no strife;
As an oyster that gapes, scarcely needing the knife.

Life's smoke was so thick that I only could see
A heart down in battle—a soul on her knee,
'Twas such terrible, terrible earnest to me.

How lightly they mount, and go riding apace
Where the graves are the thickest—a smile on the face;
With a jaunty, lax, airy, inconsequent grace.

For this power to pass the great sea through a sieve,
To turn mountains to mole hills, oh, what would I give,
In this strong, earnest, terrible struggle to live!

A HEROIC NEWFOUNDLAND.

Fritz at the Windsor Theatre Fire—Death After a Gallant Act.

[New York Journal.]

Among the unpublished heroes of the Windsor theatre was Christian Johnston's dog, who went up in a blaze of glory. Fritz was a big Newfoundland, a great pet in the Hartmann hotel, next door to the theatre. He was in love with his master's daughter, little Julia, 4 years old. They were always together. The dog slept at the foot of her bed by night and she was never out of his sight. He saved her life twice before the destruction of the Windsor. She would have been drowned off Coney island last summer had it not been for Fritz. Little Julia innocently ran out to meet an incoming wave. The dog saw the danger his little mistress courted and dashed after her, bringing her to land before the receding wave could drag her out. Again the child was intrusted to a green German lad to be taken to a dime museum. Fritz went along also. The boy carelessly dropped the child before the feet of galloping Third avenue street-car horses. Fritz bounded on the track between the horses and Julia and the child was snatched from danger by a gentleman.

No wonder then that Fritz was treated more as a member of the Johnston family than as a dependent, and ate his meals at the same table in the dining-room with them. He could do everything but talk and use a knife and fork. When the cry of "Fire!" startled the lower end of the Bowery's transient and regular population, Fritz was awake. He barked lustily, for the door was shut upon himself and Mr. Johnston's daughter. In the hurry Julia had been overlooked. But quickly the missing face flashed upon father and mother, and the look of anguish that spread over their features will ever be remembered by the on-lookers. The parents searched through all the groups that stood around viewing the scene with that awe that blood-red flames, fringed with dense black smoke, always inspire. But no Julia answered their frenzied call. By this time the police line had been formed, and all who might have been of service were driven back indiscriminately with the obtrusive sight-seers.

"Oh, save my Julia!" cried the heart-sick father, while the mother lay fainting in his arms.

"Too late now," said the nearest policeman; "no one would dare to enter that furnace." The officer spoke truly; no one would. The heat was unendurable within forty feet of the outer wall.

At this moment the wind blew away the smoke from the hotel entrance and the flames lighted up the heroic deed. Down through the fiery hallway came a singed something on four legs, holding in his mouth a senseless something else. It was Fritz bearing Julia. How the dog opened the bed-room door will never be known. But he brought the child safely through death to her father, who was now weeping for joy. When he dropped his bundle gently at his master's feet she was alive and soon recovered.

But the dog!

A policeman saw the dog inside the fire line and rushed at him with extended club. From the other side, toward which Fritz turned to flee, darted another policeman, bent on some kind of mission. The dog saw that he was hemmed in and that there was no escape from being clubbed to death.

And the dog chose it!

Back into the fiery furnace he flew, with the officers just behind. Not hesitating, the dog gave one howl and then disappeared in an ocean of flame. The fire waxed hotter and hotter, the walls fell, and amid a great whirlwind of flame and smoke the faithful animal yielded his life.

Pompeii's Canned Goods.

[D. R. Locke in Toledo Blade.]

It is a singular fact that we are indebted to Pompeii for the great industry of canned fruits. Years ago, when the excavations were just beginning, a party of Cincinnatians found, in what had been the pantry of a house, many jars of preserved figs. One was opened, and they were found to be fresh and good. Investigation showed that the figs had been put into the jars in a heated state, an aperture left for the steam to escape, and then sealed with wax. The hint was taken and the next year canning fruit was introduced in the United States, the process being identical with that in vogue in Pompeii twenty centuries ago. The old ladies in America who can tomatoes and peaches do not realize that they are indebted for this art to a people who were literally ashes but a few years after Christ. There is nothing now under the sun. Canned tomatoes and loaded dice—the people of Pompeii had both.

Belgium's Postage Stamps.

[Inter Ocean.]

The Belgian authorities are reported to have hit upon a peculiarly delicate volatile ink with which to print their postage stamps, and by the use of a strongly resisting obliterating ink, to have made it about impossible to use the stamps a second time by discharging from them the obliterating marks.

San Bernardino, Cal., men are known as "Alfalfa Chewers." Los Angeles men as "Pumpkin Rollers," and San Diego men as "Bee Herders," in Calico City.

Is Fun Better than Physic?

Fun is excellent; a hearty laugh is known the whole world over to be a health promoter; but fun does not fill the bill when a man needs physic, on the other hand people take too much physic. They would be more healthy, live longer and enjoy life thoroughly if they used Dr. Jones' Red Clover Tonic, which cures all blood disorders, indigestion, kidney and liver troubles, removes pimples and is a perfect tonic. Can be taken by the most delicate. Only 50 cents per bottle of Dr. A. J. Stoner, physician and druggist, 14 south side new square, Decatur, Ill. 4

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By the Light of Day.

Past Impossibilities the Facts of the Present—Help in the New Era.

"I remember when they were putting up the poles for the first telegraph line in the State of New York, and now look there!" exclaimed a citizen of the metropolis to his friend, as the two stood on the summit of the tall Equitable Building in Broadway. "The city is strung with wires like a harp, and the electric communication is the daily mira le of the world. People no longer wonder and laugh and at it as they did at Morse when he first suggested its possibility."

The age marches on and prejudice must give way. Nobody has a monopoly of truth. Even the conservative guild of physicians admit that the secrets of medicine are shared by all men. "I dressed his wound, and God healed him," saidold Galen. Once that terrible disease, Rheumatism, was supposed to be a shifting, local ailment, now attacking the joints and now the muscles. To-day it is *demonstrated to be a disease of the BLOOD.*

Mrs. Henry Bogert, of No. 464 Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y., writes to Messrs. HISCOX & Co., of New York, proprietors of PARKER'S TONIC, that "she had been completely disabled from Rheumatism and pain in the back and limbs. She was advised to take the TONIC for *Kidney Disease.* She did so, and her *Rheumatism* disappeared." The reason is simple. Diseased Kidneys produce rheumatic symptoms. *Cure them and you destroy Rheumatism.* This is now admitted by all intelligent physicians. It is the new light thrown on their time-worn and mistaken theories.

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Tax Notice.

The taxes for the year 1883 are now due. Parties will please call at the office, No. 137 North Water street, up-stairs, over Henry Smith's drug store.

JAS. S. CARTER, Collector.

Jan. 22--d2w

THE DECATUR RETAIL MARKET.

Ruling Prices at the Various Stores—Wheat and Coal.

DECATUR, ILL., Feb. 8, 1884.

THE PRODUCE MARKET.

FLOUR—First grade, White Loaf, $3.50 per hundred; second grade, $3.40; third, $3.30

BUCKWHEAT—Bulk, 6 cents a pound; package, 25 and 45 cents each.

CORN MEAL—70 cents a bushel.

COFFEES—Roasted, 3 to 7 lbs for a dollar; green, 3½ to 8 lbs for a dollar; package coffee, 15 and 20 cents.

SUGAR—Cut Loaf, 8 lbs for a dollar; powdered, 9 lbs; A, 10 lbs; extra C, 10½ lbs.

APPLES—$1.20 to $1.3 per bushel.

EGGS—30 cents a dozen.

TURNIPS—60 cents a bushel.

POTATOES—60 cents a bushel.

CABBAGE—15 to 20 cents a head.

CELERY—5 cents a bunch.

ORANGES—Florida, 50 cents a dozen.

WALNUTS—75 cents a bushel.

HICKORYNUTS—$1.25 to $1.50 a bushel,

BUTTER—Country, 25 and 30 cents; Decatur Creamery, 40 cents a pound.

LARD—12½ cents a pound.

BACON—12½ to 15 cents a pound.

HAMS—16 cents a pound.

CHICKENS—Dressed, 25 and 30 cents each; alive, 20 and 25 cents each.

TURKEYS—15 cents a pound dressed.

CRANBERRIES—12½ and 15 cents a quart.

SYRUPS—From 50 to $1.00 a gallon.

STOCK PRICES.

COWS AND HEIFERS—Decatur butchers are paying $4.00 to $4.50 per hundred pounds.

STEERS—$4.50 to $5.50 a hundred.

SHEEP—$3.50 to $4.00 per hundred.

HOGS—$5.00 to $6.00.

Butchers sell pork at 6½ to 12½ cents per pound; same for mutton, and 8 to 20 cents a pound for beef.

COAL.

Decatur and all other soft coal $2.25 a ton delivered; $1.75 a ton at yards.

Indiana Block, $3.50 a ton.

Lehigh hard coal, $9.00 a ton; Lackawanna, $8.50 a ton.

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Dealers are paying the following prices pe bushel for grain:

WHEAT—95 cents.

CORN—35 to 45 cents.

OATS—27 to 30 cents.

RYE—40 cents.

HAY.

HAY—Loose hay is selling at $7 to $9 a ton; baled hay at $10 a ton, and straw at $3.50.

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and all scrofulous diseases, Sores, Erysipelas, Eczema, Blotches, Ringworm, Tumors, Carbuncles, Boils, and Eruptions of the Skin, are the direct result of an impure state of the blood.

To cure these diseases the blood must be purified, and restored to a healthy and natural condition. AYER'S SARSAPARILLA has for over forty years been recognized by eminent medical authorities as the most powerful blood purifier in existence. It frees the system from all foul humors, enriches and strengthens the blood, removes all traces of mercurial treatment, and proves itself a complete master of all scrofulous diseases.

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6th. It is the *only* skate having the rubber springs boxed in by metallic side-flanges.

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9th. The rubber springs can be changed without removing the skate from the foot.

10th. The *box-wood* wheels have metal boxing, making them light running and durable.

11th. The *foot-boards* are ebonized and will not scar or scale off.

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the most prolific and best kinds adapted to this climate, some growing berries six inches in circumference;

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Dec. 12—d&w1mayl

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THE *Review* platform: Down with the tariff; we must be allowed to have our quacks.

A PART of the Lincoln monument at Springfield fell on Wednesday, owing to an interior arch being defective. The damage, which will be repaired at once, will amount to $1500 or $2,000.

AT St. Paul yesterday a gang of boys took another boy to a neighbor's barn and hanged him. When found and cut down he was nearly dead. Those emulators of the James brothers are evidently preparing to emigrate to Missouri, or some other Democratic state.

ON our fourth page to-day one of our physicians goes for the editor of the *Review* in handsome style. One criticism, however, "Medicus" fails to make, and that is that the *Review* is a genuine Bourbon paper, opposing even "a tariff for revenue only" and demanding absolute free trade in pills and ointments.

DOES the editor of the *Review* have no better knowledge of the English grammar than he indicates by his pretended understanding of the "itinerant agent" ordinance, or does he suppose that everybody is as profoundly ignorant of that branch of education as the class of people to whose prejudices he is so fond of catering?

THE Illinois Press Association, which has been enjoying a visit to Washington, is now homeward bound and next week's papers will abound in glowing descriptions of what "we" saw, how "we" were received by the president, what "we" think of the capitol and what changes "we" think absolutely necessary in the method of conducting public affairs.

NOBODY knows better than the editor of the *Review* what the city council intended to accomplish in the passage of the "itinerant agent" ordinance, and yet he persists in misrepresenting that body, and charging that it did what its members explicitly declared on the floor of the council that they had no intention of doing. What is to be thought of such willful efforts to misrepresent?

BEN BUTLER for President and Carter Harrison for Vice President, is the ticket agreed upon at Washington a few days ago by a lot of self-constituted delegates pretending to represent the labor organizations of the country. Two more arrant demagogues and place seekers than this pair of worthies could not be found by raking down creation with a fine tooth comb, and if the labor party wants to bring itself into speedy disrepute it should go on nominating just such tickets.

OF Wendell Phillips the Chicago *Inter-Ocean* says:

Mr. Phillips was one of the rarest flowers of American aristocracy. There was not a plebeian hair in his head. From the finely chiseled face to the innermost thought of his soul he was a gentleman. Even when he wielded a club and dealt out knock down arguments he was a cool and blue-blooded patrician. The son of the first mayor of Boston, he never knew what it was to struggle for or aspire to social position. The highest rank in the greatest Nation was his as a birthright. The same was true of Emerson, Longfellow and Irving, and is true, also, of Lowell and Holmes. Whittier was a yeoman by descent, a very different thing from a peasant and somewhat different from a patrician. In the enumeration of the foremost men of this country and century, apart from public life, the names just mentioned would head the list, and in singleness of devotion to high, unselfish ideals the post of supreme honor belongs to Phillips. It would be easy to point out glaring defects of judgment, but impossible to adduce any evidence of insincerity or meanness.

Gathering Grapes in Midwinter.

San Francisco Chronicle.

Ripe grapes, grown in the open air in Los Angeles and gathered on January 21, certainly entitles that section to the name of the semi-tropics. Such a phenomenon is unusual, but that it occurred this year when there has been some very cold weather in other parts of the State, shows the equable temperature of the "City of the Angels," and will be a good thing for Eastern invalids to read about when they feel dubious about the claims made for our southern country as a sanitarium for the world.

STANLEY has discovered a river in Central Africa called Kissmelonga. It's an awful pity that it should be situated in a country where a fellow can't get any satisfaction out of it. —*Burlington Free Press.*

WHITTIER never was married. No man whose wife had poked him out of the house on a cold Monday morning to shovel paths under the clothes-line ever could have written a poem like "Snow-Bound."

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BY TELEGRAPH

CONFIDENCE RESTORED.

William H. Vanderbilt Unbosoms Himself About Railroad Stocks.

A Gradual But Steady Advance in Prices Predicted—The Withdrawal of the Rock Island Road.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—William H. Vanderbilt was reading the newspapers and his correspondence in his library when asked about the truth of a dispatch from Philadelphia denied at the office of the railroad involved, that he had been buying Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad stock, and had at length secured control of the road, with the object of merging it with the Reading and New Jersey Central system, and thus forming the greatest coal combination in the country. "Well," replied Mr. Vanderbilt, with a quiet smile, "that is news to me. I have not sought control of the road."

"The dispatch says that if this is not so the belief is that some sort of arrangement is to be made by the other roads with the Lackawanna."

"That is something I know nothing about."

"You doubtless saw the announcement that R. R. Cable, president of the Rock Island railroad had given the required thirty days' notice of withdrawal from the Northwestern Traffic Association?"

"Yes, and I do not see that any reason is given for it. I look upon that step as a bear move. I was surprised that Hugh Riddle was displaced from the presidency of the Rock Island road to make room for Mr. Cable. The change was without the knowledge of the largest stockholders and was entirely within the management. I am

THE LARGEST STOCKHOLDER

in the road, and I certainly knew nothing about it. No road has a better man at its head than Mr. Riddle. It is, I suppose, from his extreme modesty, which I know to be characteristic of him, that he has not stated the reasons of his going out. Mr. Riddle would not do things that other persons would. In him railroad men had the highest confidence. I never heard of an opposition line saying anything against him. Judging from what I heard during the railroad troubles in the Northwest a year ago, Mr. Cable and H. H. Porter, of the Omaha road, determined to try to make properties in the Northwest worthless. Speaking of the Rock Island's withdrawal, I think the other roads will protect themselves. I think I can say that the Northwestern road's course will be consistent and the stockholders will be the judges of the Rock Island's actions."

"Some importance has been attached to the meeting to-day of the managers of the trunk lines and their western connections. How do you look on the situation?"

"There is going to be no trouble."

"How do you regard the upward movement in stocks?"

"It is going to last. There is no reason for their going down as low as they have. See how plentiful money is. There is more of it than you can shake a stick at. The stocks are not in Wall street now. The amount there is less than the people have any idea of. When people come to look for three or four stocks they will not find them in Wall street. You have no conception of how stocks are distributed. Take, for instance, the New York Central Railroad. It has 9,300 stockholders, a very large number of whom have from 50 to 200 shares. I have the same stock I held two years ago, and

I AM GOING TO KEEP IT.

My money is in a few things and not in 400 or 500. Now for the past two weeks I have been buying. Who ever heard of such a thing as Lake Shore going down to 91 and 95. It is not only paying 8 per cent., but it is earning it. Look at the Northwestern and see what it has got in its treasury. It earned its last dividend for the year in five months. Is the New York Central worth any less now than when it was selling at $1 55? It was earning 8 per cent. then and is earning 8 now. Government bonds are selling at 125. They are not worth as much as New York Central stocks. I will explain. In a year or two we may have no Government. We must have railroads. What is the Government but a unanimity of sentiment? The Government pays only 4 per cent. on its bonds. The New York Central pays 8 on its stock. If the Government should not last, although I expect it will, it would make no difference with the railroads. They would continue to be operated. I do not speak of the New York Central alone, but simply use it as an illustration. The railroads have become so important that they are a part of the people themselves. Look at some stocks that are not quoted at all. Take the Boston and Albany, the New York, New Haven and Hartford, and the Harlem. They are unchanged. Few shares may be offered in a month. If a man does not want the ten shares Dick does, suppose a person moves to some point on the New York Central, and sees the trains go by every day. He will take as much interest in it as in his horse, or his cow, and I will guarantee that he'll say that the road

MUST BE MAKING MONEY.

He will want to have some of its securities. If he were to see a road in the hands of a lot of thieves who were going to run away with what was put in it he would want to have nothing to do with it. There are some roads of that kind in this country."

"Do you think public confidence is returning?"

"I think things have taken on a different aspect from what they were two weeks ago. Confidence I believe to be restored. People can come here to buy securities and then go home and feel secure. They are not afraid. Men told me that they sold their Governments and put the money in the bank. I asked them if the were not afraid of the banks. That will show you the condition things were in. The bears are now hard put to it. They have been scaring people, but their doom is sealed. Brokers tell me that they are getting orders from the country. It is better to see stocks going up one and two points a week than jumping up five or ten and then dropping suddenly. It is the steady advance which restores confidence, and that is half accomplished now. Every day creates a better feeling."

"Then you regard the outlook as promising?"

"My opinion is, that from this time all good dividend-paying stocks will have confidence generally. There may be temporary exceptions to this, but, as a rule, it will prevail. Perhaps, after all, the unsteady feeling that has existed for the past few months has been a good thing. Conservatism is always a favorite maxim. People have stood by and seen values go down. The losses have, to a great extent, fallen where they could be endured, and people are beginning to see that there is no danger in investing at the low prices at present prevailing for all kinds of property. Thoughtful men always look at these things and one by one come to conclusions which all finally reach."

Grave Robbers.

Of all classes of people the professional grave robbers are the most despised. He robs us of our dear friends for a few dollars. How different is this new grave robber, Dr. Bigelow's Positive Cure, which robs graves of thousands of consumptives. This unequaled remedy for coughs, colds and consumption, whooping cough, croup and all throat and lung diseases, subdues and conquers these troubles speedily, safely and thoroughly. Trial bottle free of Dr. A. J. Stoner, physician and druggist, 14 south side new square, Decatur, Ill. 4

To Housekeepers.

This is the most important exhibition that has visited the city. The ladies of Decatur and vicinity are respectfully invited to attend an exhibition of baking with Prof. Horsford's Phosphatic Baking Powder, now going on in this city. Ladies call and sample the hot biscuits made *without* the use of lard.

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A CRIMINAL HOAX.

Branding Green Coal Miners with Red Hot Irons.

MOBERLY, Mo., Feb. 8.—A strange story of cruelty in a mining camp, which rivals in fiendishness many of the worst traits of the Mollie Maguires, has just been brought to light here, and which is vouched for by Mr. E. L. Baker, foreman of Mine No. 1, three miles west of Moberly, on the Wabash road. The Monitor prints a long communication signed by Mr. Baker, giving the particulars of the affair, which has leaked out through one of the miners engaged in

THE DEVILISH WORK.

In the neighborhood of Kirksville, Mo., forty miles north of Moberly, there are coal mines there which give employment to twenty men. The diggings are in an out-of-the-way place, and few good miners work there, and the proprietors are compelled to use in the main "greenhorn" miners. A short time ago the place secured some practical men, but the new men were only in the mine a short time until they discovered their companions were decidedly "new" at the business, and the first impulse that struck them was to have some fun at their expense. A miner by the name of Chaney informed the "greenies" that he was the grand center of the Grand Lodge of Miners and it was his desire to organize a union among them. He stated that they could never expect to become workmen unless they belonged to that organization, and that the time was near at hand when, unless they

BELONGED TO THE UNION,

it would be impossible to secure work anywhere in the State. Every miner in the camp was anxious to become a member, and a meeting was called for the next night, which was largely attended. The "Grand Center" told them that only one member would be initiated, and they should say who the first should be, which was done, and the remaining number were sent to their different camps. The candidate was then rushed into another apartment, and required by a solemn oath not to make known by word or sign anything he should see or hear while the work was being performed, under penalty of death. He was next given the signs,

PASS WORDS AND GRIPS,

and then informed him that all now lacking to make him a man among men was to be branded with the "grand seal." He was made to undress and bend over a table prepared for the purpose, and while in that position, was branded on the hip with a red-hot iron molded in the shape of a figure 8. The victim was made to dress without uttering a cry from the smarting pain, and after being reminded of his oath, allowed to go home.

THE HELLISH WORK

was continued for several nights, until a dozen of the "greenhorns" were branded for life, nor did they cease until frightened by their own acts, they left the county. The leader is now in the employ of the Huntsville Coal and Mining Company, and was probably arrested yesterday.

WASHINGTON.

AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

Interviewing the President in Behalf of Judge Wagner—The St. Louis Postoffice.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Ex-Gov. E. O. Stanard, Judge Lindley, Chas. M. Clark, Geo. L. Wright, E. W. Fox and other Missouri delegates to the river convention, called by appointment yesterday upon President Arthur in the interest of Judge David Wagner. They respectfully recommended the nomination of Judge Wagner to be Judge of the Eighth Judicial Circuit as successor to Judge McCrary. Gov. Stanard introduced Judge Lindley, who in a few remarks, addressed to the President, paid a high tribute to the ability and character of Judge Wagner, and his fitness for the Judgeship of the Eighth Circuit. In his reply the President said that Judge Wagner had as good a chance as anyone for the appointment; that the place is not mortgaged to anybody, and that the appointment would not be made until Judge McCrary's resignation takes effect, March 1.

During the conversation the subject of the St. Louis postmastership was introduced. Each of the gentlemen present expressed himself as satisfied with Postmaster Hays. The President indicated that the matter had been dragging long enough and intimated that he had practically decided to act, but he gave no hint as to who the lucky man will be.

Bill to Foster American Shipping.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The Senate Committee has finally completed its shipping bill. It embodies all the principal provisions of the Dingley bill now on the House calendar, and besides has a section abolishing the marine hospital tax and providing that hereafter the expense of the marine hospital service shall be borne by the United States. Also a section providing that all articles of foreign production needed for ship supplies may be withdrawn from the warehouse free of duty; also a section providing for steamship subsidies. This section is the most remarkable in the history of attempted subsidy legislation. It directs the postmaster-general to contract with owners of American-built vessels to carry the mails between ports. The postmaster-general is allowed discretion to select these ports. The amount to be paid for the service is not to exceed $1 per nautical mile on the trip each way. The gross amount to be used is arrived at on the following basis: It shall be equal to the gross revenue of the postoffice department from foreign mail matter during the fiscal year next preceding the year when such contracts are made less the amount paid for transportation of mails on foreign vessels and the amount paid foreign administrations for intermediary territorial transit service. In plain English, this means an annual subsidy of between $1,500,000 and $2,000,000. It is probable that the Senate will adopt this subsidy section without material modification.

Goodbye, Uncle Billy.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Gen. Wm. T. Sherman will be placed on the retired list of the army to-day under the provisions of the act of Congress making retirements in the army compulsory in the case of all officers 65 years of age. A general order will be issued this morning announcing Gen. Sherman's retirement. The only changes that will result from the retirement will be that Col. J. E. Tourtelotte, Seventh cavalry, now acting aides-de-camp of Gen. Sherman, will be ordered to rejoin their regiments.

The Park Hat Store.

About Feb. 15th, Harry F. Ehrman & Co., will open a first-class fashionable hat and gents furnishing goods store, south side of city park, first door east of Peddecord, Burrows & Co.'s bank. The store will be furnished complete with the finest lot of goods ever shown in Decatur, and will embrace such makes as the "Dunlap" and "Knox" hats, the nobbiest made. The "Co." is Mr. J. W. Ehrman. The business will be conducted under the personal management of Harry Ehrman, assisted by S. T. Keeler, and they solicit a share of the patronage of the public guaranteeing to give satisfaction both as to quality of goods and prices. f4dtf

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A WASTE OF WATER.

Immense Destruction of Valuable Property by the Great Flood.

The Climax Reached and the Rivers Slowly Receding—Interesting Details.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 8.—The decline in the river continued all day yesterday, and at 8 o'clock last night the Monongahela marks registered 31 feet 6 inches, a fall of nearly three feet since midnight. The Allegheny marks show 30 feet and falling about three inches an hour. Many streets of this city are now clear of water, but in its stead barrels, twisted boards, and ice, piled several feet high in many places, have been left high on dry land by the recedent water. The Allegheny Valley and West Pennsylvania railroads are running trains again as usual.

RELIEF MEASURES.

At a meeting of citizens yesterday afternoon an executive committee was appointed who were instructed to take immediate steps to relieve all sufferers in the two cities. A committee representing leading business interests was also appointed to solicit donations. Before these provisions can be made, however, suffering will be great, as many families living in the second stories of their houses have been without food or fire for thirty-six hours.

The Allegheny city council met yesterday and appointed a committee to receive subscriptions and to take such other action as may be found necessary to relieve the present wants of the needy.

Donations are already pouring in from citizens, and it is thought no difficulty will be experienced in raising any amount needed. The public halls of both cities are filled with women and children rendered homeless, and everything possible is being done in the way of furnishing them with food and raiment to alleviate their sufferings. In the city hall a number of women and children are reported very ill. Only one casualty is reported. John Jacobs, of Sharpsburg, was catching driftwood, when he fell in the water and drowned.

Two more families have just been reported.

Wm. Bowman, aged 50, of the Eighth ward, Allegheny, while attempting to step out of a window into a skiff, fell into the water and the swift current carried him away before he could be rescued.

Harvey Genung, aged 11, who has been missing from home in the First ward, Allegheny, since Tuesday, was found drowned yesterday afternoon.

STILL RECEDING.

At midnight the rivers were still receding. The Monongahela is 29 feet 1 inch; Allegheny, 32 feet and 2 inches. No rain has fallen since daylight. A careful estimate of the loss from the flood in the county gives a total of $3,000,000. This is largely due to the fact that a majority of the manufacturers will not be able to resume operations before Monday week. All the mills lie low, and will be inundated long after the streets are clear.

DESCENDING RAPIDLY.

2 A. M.—The rivers are falling now rapidly since midnight. The stage in the Monongahela at 1:30 was 28 feet 6 inches. The Allegheny is one foot higher.

At Wheeling.

WHEELING, W. Va., Feb. 8.—At last accounts the water had reached its maximum at a stage several feet higher than the famous flood of 1832. It is now slowly receding. No deaths from drowning have been reported but many sick persons have been greatly exposed while being removed in boats, and it is thought that many of these will die.

The Western Union Telegraph company's office is only reached by boats. The Baltimore and Ohio wires are all down. Telephone communication with all suburbs is cut off. The water and gas works gave out yesterday and last night the city was in darkness and at the mercy of the fire, if one should start. The streets of half the city are navigable only in boats, and all sorts of improvised crafts are plying as ferries. Many people are still exposed on the island, not a spot of which remains above water. The work of removing them goes bravely on by skiffs and steamboats. A relief meeting was held yesterday afternoon and $2,700 raised in half an hour, and committees appointed to look after the destitute.

HOMELESS.

Ten thousand people are homeless and unprovided for. Fully 15,000 were driven from their homes by the flood, but a third of them are comfortably quartered at hotels, boarding-houses or with friends. The public schools and churches have been thrown open and people are housed and fed there. The river reached the highest point at 10 o'clock last night when it was fifty-two feet. Since that it has receded a few inches. The city board of public works built batteaus which are used as free ferries to cross the inundated districts.

At Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 8.—MIDNIGHT—The river is 61 feet 10¾ inches—a rise of a quarter of an inch in the last hour. Instead of a cold wave coming, as predicted, the weather is milder than during the day, and the prospect is for more rain.

2 A. M.—The river is sixty-two feet, a rise of an inch and a quarter since midnight. It now lacks one foot seven inches of the flood of 1847, two feet three inches of the flood of 1832 and four feet four inches of the flood of last year. The wheather is cloudy and growing warmer.

Relief work keeps well up with the necessities of the suffering. Food has been promptly furnished, and boats patrol the flooded district to see that no cases of necessity are neglected. Two fire engines, floating on scows, are kept ready to be drawn to any place fire may break out in the flooded districts. Mails have not been seriously disturbed, though on two narrow-gauge roads running east through Southern Ohio trains have been abandoned. River mails are also abandoned. Delays occurred on nearly all through mails, both east and west. A washout on the Cincinnati, Washington and Baltimore road, east of Hamden, makes a serious delay. The Panhandle is submerged between here and Xenia, at various points. Beginning to-day, the Chicago and St. Louis express trains on the Cincinnati, Indianapolis, St. Louis and Chicago road will run over the track of the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton road between Indianapolis and Cincinnati.

The Arkansas Rising.

LITTLE ROCK, Feb. 8.—The Arkansas river during the twenty-four hours ending Thursday evening showed a rise of two feet ten inches. During the night there was a further rise of three feet and yesterday about twelve inches. The telegraph wire up the river has been out of order during the day, so that it is impossible to say at this time what amount of water is coming. The tributaries are bank-full and a damaging flood is expected. A steady rain is now falling.

Advices from Desha and Chicot counties indicate fear of another overflow of the Mississippi, and apprehension is felt that Opossum fork levee, now building, cannot be finished in time to arrest the disaster should the rise continue a few days longer. All railroads running out of Little Rock are making schedule time, but Manager Sibley of the Memphis & Little Rock railway fears a portion of the track at the east end may be overflowed within ten days unless the rain ceases above, and is prepared with a line of boats on the St. Francis in that event.

At Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 8.—At 11 o'clock last night the river was still rising half an inch an hour. The canal gauge showed 39 feet 4 inches water. Everyone seems hopeful that the flood will not be so bad as in 1883.

The board of trade started a relief measure yesterday morning, and sent out a boat with provisions to the submerged districts. But little suffering is reported yet. Jeffersonville and New Albany are waiting patiently. They are inundated, but have suffered nothing as yet from water.

White and Wabash.

MOUNT CARMEL, Ill., Feb. 8.—The Wabash and White rivers are rising three-fourths of an inch an hour. Last night the government gauge marked 22¾ feet. On the bottom farmers are moving their stock out of the way. Thousands of bushels of corn are in danger of being swept away. Only extreme cold weather will check the water.

Reassuring.

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 8.—The rains have ceased and the waters are falling in Northern Ohio.

THE PORTER DIVORCE.

The Decree Which Was to Have Been, But Was Not Suppressed.

ROCKFORD, Ill., Feb. 8.—As heretofore stated in these dispatches, the decree of the divorce of Louise A. Porter from Robert Porter had not been entered or filed, though granted. The decree has since been placed on file. Porter was represented by Gen. John B. Hawley, of Chicago. As soon as the case was begun in the Circuit court the bill of complaint was filed, and immediately afterward Mr. Lathrop, the attorney, pocketed the paper and has since refused to allow any one to see it. The judge of the court also instructed the clerk not to allow the reporters to see the papers at all. The following is

THE DECREE.

"Louis A. Porter vs. Robert P. Porter, in Winnebago Circuit court, January term: Upon the bill of complaint taken as confessed against defendant and the evidence, and it appearing that Robert P. Porter had come and entered his appearance in this cause, and waiving service of process upon him and expressly assenting to the court hearing the evidence and determining the cause, and at the hearing appears John B. Hawley, attorney for said Porter. And it further appearing from the evidence that all the allegations in complainant's bill are true; that the parties were married at Janesville, Wis May, 1875; that there are two children as fruits of this marriage—Edwin P. Porter, aged 8, and Robert W. Porter, 6 years old; that said children are now, and always have been, cared for by the wife; that for three years last past she has resided in Rockford. And it further appearing that said Robert P. Porter is guilty of wilfully deserting and absenting himself from the complainant without any reasonable cause therefor, and that he has so deserted complainant since October, 1880. It further appears that no wrong in the premises is chargeable to complainant, and that she is a proper person to have the care and custody of the children and their education and maintenance.

"Therefore, it is decreed by this court that said marriage be dissolved and annulled and said parties respectively released and discharged from the obligations thereof. And it is further ordered that the complainant have the care, custody, control, and education of the children without interference by the defendant until further order of the court; but said defendant shall have the right to visit said children at any and all reasonable times, but shall not persuade or attempt to persuade them to leave complainant, nor attempt to influence either of them against said complainant.

"And it is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that said defendant, Robert P. Porter, pay to said complainant the sum of $10,250, which sum, when paid, shall be in full of all claims of said complainant against said defendant for alimony for herself and for her care, support and maintainance of said children, past and future. It is further ordered that defendant pay to complainant this sum of $10,250 within five days from the signing of this decree, and in default of the payment of said sum, or any part thereof, said defendant stand in contempt of this court and subject to be dealt with accordingly, and that defendant pay the cost of this suit. It is further ordered that this decree for the payment of the $10,250 stand as a decree for the payment of money against said defendant and in favor of said complainant, her executors, administrators, or assigns, and shall bear interest from this date, and may be enforced by execution, process of contempt, or otherwise consistent with the practice of this Court of Chancery.

WILLIAM BROWN, Judge."

"T. M. BUTLER, Clerk.

"Filed Feb. 4, 1884."

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

LOVE LAUGHS AT LAW.

An Eloping Couple From Sorkerdom. Marry by Civil Contract.

GALLATIN, Mo., Feb. 8.—There was a novel and somewhat romantic wedding Saturday evening at the Commercial House in this city. Sometime in the day a handsome young couple arrived in town and made application at the Recorder's office for license to marry, but as they could produce no proper witness or certificate as to age or consent of parents, license was refused. Love, however, laughs at the clumsy processes of the law, as well as at locksmiths. They called in the aid of a lawyer and a marriage contract was drawn up in writing. This the eloping lovers signed and acknowledged before a notary as their free act and deed, and now the same is a part of the records of Daviess county. Attached to this contract were the names of the actors in this drama. They are: Bruce Walker, of Monmouth, Ill., and Rose Getterney, of Warren county, same State.

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ANY pair of the following for $1.00: Boys' $1.50 boots, boys' $2.00 boots, boys' $2.00 shoes, mens' $1.75 fine embroidered slippers, misses' $2.50, $2.00 and $1.50 shoes, women's $2.00 shoes, ladies' fine $1.50 slippers, and many other attractive bargains at one dollar a pair, at L. L. Ferriss & Co's. Call early. 7d&wtf

Oberly for Tilden.

Chairman J. H. Oberly, who is still in Washington in the interest of locating the Democratic convention at Chicago, was interviewed the other day and expressed himself thus on Democratic sentiment in Illinois: "The Democrats of Illinois are in favor of nominating the old ticket. This feeling is almost universal. We are so much in favor of Tilden that we would run his old boots for the place if he would only give his consent. We have felt all along that Tilden would not refuse to accept the nomination if it were tendered him, but I have heard from Henry Watterson, who has had a recent interview with him, that the old man has peremptorily refused to permit his name to be used under any circumstances."

"Do you think Tilden will have any influence indicating who shall be nominated?"

"Not one bit. The feeling in his favor among Western Democrats is strong, but it does not go beyond Tilden personally. If he wants our votes for himself he can have them and welcome, but if he is out we must be permitted to make our own selections, uninfluenced by any one."

"What candidate will Illinois present? Can William R. Morrison have the whole delegation?"

"I can tell better about that when I see how Morrison comes on with his tariff bill. He has at present a great deal of opposition to encounter. Springer, who was negatively against him in the past, is now an active and influential enemy. I do not think under any circumstances Morrison can have the entire delegation. There are no other Democratic candidates that I know anything about."

"Is there any prospect of the Democrats of Illinois taking up David Davis?"

"No. Not the slightest. He lost his hold entirely upon the Democrats of the State when he permitted the Republicans to elect him president of the Senate and displace Bayard. If he had stood consistently by the Democrats who elected him to the Senate he might have been our candidate."

FLEURY: the French Cutter, has added fifty rare coins to his already superb collection. You can see them in his window, corner old square. tf

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HOPS & MALT
TRADE MARK
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H O P S — M A L T
THE GREAT BLOOD PURIFIER
Liver and Kidney Remedy,
Compounded from the well known Curatives Hops, Malt, Buchu, Mandrake, Dandelion, Sarsaparilla, Cascara Sagrada, etc., combined with an agreeable Aromatic Elixir.
THEY CURE DYSPEPSIA & INDIGESTION,
Act upon the Liver and Kidneys,
—AND—
REGULATE THE BOWELS,
They cure Rheumatism, and all Urinary troubles. They invigorate, nourish, strengthen and quiet the Nervous System.
As a Tonic they have no Equal.
Take none but Hops and Malt Bitters.
—FOR SALE BY ALL DEALERS.—
Hops and Malt Bitters Co.
DETROIT, MICH.
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Jan. 20-deod&wly

WANTED, LOST, FOUND, &c

[Notices in this column, of five lines or less, will be inserted one week for 25 cents, payable in advance.]

BOARDERS WANTED—At the Farmers' Dining Hall, west side of Old Square. Call and learn terms. MRS. C. DROHN. 2-d2w

FOR SALE—I will sell my residence property, No. 1004 North Main street, on favorable terms, or will trade for a small property or town lots. Apply on the premises.
Feb. 1 d2w E. BEAR.

WANTED—All who read this to start a new business at their homes, learned in an hour; five to $10 an hour made; no peddling, send 10c for samples and instructions. Address CHENEY & CO., Waltham, Mass.
1-6t

FOR SALE—Wishing to locate in the South, I will sell my new two-story house of seven rooms, No. 850 North Water street. Will take as part pay one or more lots. Enquire at the property. J. E. LIGHTNER.
Jan. 28 d2w

MURDER WILL OUT.—J. C. Williams has just opened a new Grocery and Provision Store at 751 East William street, where can be found all kinds of staple and fancy groceries. Give him a call and examine prices.
Dec. 26dtf

FOR RENT Very desirable unfurnished rooms at the southeast corner South Main and Wood streets. Enquire of S. K. Shaffer, 200, corner North Main and Prairie street.
Nov. 30 dtf

FOR RENT—An office on second floor, and three sleeping rooms on third floor, over Fleury's. J. M. CLOKEY.
Oct. 15—dtf

NOTICE—Joe. McCrary has not sold his Restaurant, but will continue the business as usual. Call at the old stand, on Water street, south of REPUBLICAN office. Resp'y,
oc13-dtf JOE. McCRARY.

NOTICE.

To all whom it may concern:
My wife Armenter S. Aler having without cause left my bed and board, all persons are hereby notified that I will not be responsible for any debts that she may contract.
WILSON H. ALER.
Dated this 7th day of February, 1884.
Feb7-d4w*

FOR SALE.

A GOOD IMPROVED FARM OF 160 acres, in a good neighborhood in Macon county. Will be sold at a bargain, as the owners are non-residents. Will also buy or trade for Iowa land. For information call on or address THOS. LEONARD, Drake's Hotel, Decatur, Ill. Jan31-d&w*

OPERA HOUSE | ONE NIGHT ONLY!
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 13
IMPORTANT ENGAGEMENT.
Augustine Daly's Co.
From Daly's Theatre, New York, in Mr. Daly's Most Laughable Comedy, in Four Acts, entitled
"7-20-8!"
—OR,—
CASTING THE BOOMERANG.
POPULAR PRICES—35, 50 and 75 cts. Reserved Seats, 75 cents. Seats on sale at Curtis & Co.'s.

MRS. M. L. CAIN,
TEACHER OF ELOCUTION AND DRAMATIC READING.
An appearance given to *bona fide* graduates in either Chicago, St. Louis or New York. Engagements secured. Entertainments monthly. Second flat, 120 Merchant Street.
Feb. 8, 1884—d3mos*

RECEIVED TO-DAY:
A LARGE STOCK OF
Prints, Ginghams & Muslins,
400 pieces New Styles Embroideries from 5c. to $4.75.
100 pieces handsome trimmings for muslin, at 3 to 15c.
Also Cash's Colored Trimmings.
200 lbs. Seine Cord, col'd and white.
New Styles Linen and Lace Collars.
New Ruchings, and the most elegant line of CORSETS we have ever shown.
F. L. HAYS & CO.
Feb. 4—d&wtf

Chance Extraordinary
—DURING THE—
Entire Month of February
Prices such as have never been made for the Finest, Choicest and Most Attractive Stock of
DIAMONDS,
Gold Watches, Stylish Jewelry
STERLING SILVERWARE,
Triple and Quadruple Plate Silverware,
Ever Displayed in Decatur. Every article in
OUR LARGE STOCK MARKED DOWN
We offer exceptional values in
GOLD WATCHES AND SILVERWARE.
Take advantage of this opportunity and make an early selection. We cordially invite an inspection of everybody to our immense and attractive stock of everything to be found in a reliable jewelry house.
If you can't call during the day, come in the evening. We will cheerfully show you goods and astonish you with low prices.
W. R. ABBOTT & CO.
Dec. 3, 1883—d&w tf

A Full Line of Fine and Medium
FURNITURE, MATTRESSES!
And Almost Everything for Housekeeping, including
STOVES
AND
QUEENSWARE.
AT
LIDDLE'S,
Housekeepers' Headquarters, Court House Block.
Jan. 21, 1884—d&wtf

Cheap Excursions.

Thomas Bivins will manage two more excursions to Southeastern Kansas and Southwestern Missouri, the first on Tuesday Feb. 5th, and the second on Feb. 19th, over the Wabash and Ft. Scott. For further particulars see Thomas Bivins at Hand's book store. He will also give excursion rates to California, Oregon and Washington Territory, and all Pacific points. j29d1&wtd

JUST received new piece goods, latest patterns, at Fleury's. tf

$3.00 SHOES for $2.50 at J. W. Bakers'.

CHICAGO MUSICAL COLLEGE
(DECATUR BRANCH)
Is now open for the reception of pupils in VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL CULTURE. Tuition, one term of ten weeks, two private and one class lesson per week, (30 lessons),
$10.00.
NEW HAWORTH BLOCK, 3rd floor: take elevator.
DR. F. ZIEGFELD, President. SLAYTON & WHYTE, Gen'l Managers.
N. B.—This College is under the direct supervision of the President and Directors of the Chicago Institution. First-class instruction guaranteed.
MISS HATTIE HITCHCOCK, Piano and Organ. | MISS S. B. OAKES, Vocal Dep't.
Dec. 21—d1mo

—300—
Misses' and Children's
Cloaks and Havelocks
OF EVERY DESCRIPTION. ELEGANT STYLES.
From $1.50 to $10.00.
The Best Goods for Less Money than Ever Offered in Decatur.

—AT—
Less Than Manufacturers' Prices
BIG 18 Cheap Store
Jan. 21-d&wtf

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of CHARLES DROHN, Deceased.

The undersigned, having been appointed executor of the estate of Charles Drohn, late of the county of Macon and State of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the County Court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the March term, on the third Monday in March next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
Dated this 3rd day of January, [illegible]
Jan. 3—d3w GEORGE STA[illegible]

WE WILL OFFER

During January an unusually fine line of Ladies' and Gents'

Gold Watches!

ALSO SPECIAL PRICES IN

SILVER WATCHES

We would call your attention to the grade of Goods we keep and the thoroughly RELIABLE MANNER in which we do business. You cannot buy a Watch of us that is "Too Cheap" for good business.

OTTO E. CURTIS & CO.,

Leading Jewelers.

Decatur, Jan. 3, 1884 d&wtf

BREWER, the BAKER

Having had a splendid trade for the last year, nearly doubling his sales of the year before, and having two nice ovens and work shops, with five bakers, has greater facilities than ever before for doing good work. The foreman of our Bread Department is master of his trade; our Cake Department is presided over by an artiste in his line of work; they are both at the head of their profession. Fine Wedding Cakes and Ornamenting a specialty. All orders promptly filled.

BREWER, the BAKER,

211 North Main-St., Decatur, Ill.

Jan. 17, 1884 d&wo

FURNACES! FURNACES!

We have employed a practical furnace man from Chicago, and taken the Agency for the,

CELEBRATED

"BOYNTON" FURNACE,

which is acknowledged to be the BEST IN THE MARKET.

Parties thinking of building will do well to get our figures on a FIRST CLASS WARRANTED FURNACE; or, if YOUR OLD ONE NEEDS OVERHAULING, come and have it done right by a man who knows how.

We are also Agents for the old reliable

BALTIMORE HEATER

A FULL LINE OF

HARDWARE, MANTELS, GRATES, &c.

Good Goods at Bottom Figures.

Ferguson & Dillehunt,

125 North Water Street

Feb 1, 1884 d&wtf

Our Cheap Sale

OF

Embroideries and White Goods

Continues Until Further Notice.

And in addition we have placed on sale this a. m., a large lot of

LADIES' AND MISSES' FELT HATS AT 25 cts.

Former price $1.00.

Also a large and better lot at 50c., former prices $1.25 to $2.00.

We also put on sale 10 dozen Children's Woolen Stockings, assorted, at 25c a pair, worth from 40 to 50 cents.

Also a large lot of Ladies' and Misses Hose, choice 40c., worth 50 to 75c.

Great Bargains and just the kind for this weather. Come and get them.

S. G. HATCH & BRO.,

143 East Main St., Powers' Block.

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The Daily Republican.

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Per week, payable to Carrier,	*10 Cts.*
One year, in advance,	*$3.00*
Six Months, "	*2.50*
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FRIDAY EVENING, FEB. 8, 1884

LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

UNTIL further notice our price on 1847 Rogers Bros. knives is $2.50 a dozen, or $1.25 a set. E. D. BARTHOLOMEW & Co.

MINOR is not dead.

THE Camilla Urso company came in from Chicago last evening.

THE Daly "7-20-8" dramatic performance Wednesday night will be a hummer.

FOGGY and disagreeable weather. Evidently the ground hog did see his shadow.

"I'D be a fool to accept the gubernatorial nomination."—*Judge Anthony Thornton.*

SAM LEE, 130 North Water street—machine ironed shirts, 10 cents, collars 3 cents, cuffs 5 cents per pair. dec 11-d1y

GRIFFIN has commenced his work at Joliet for the state. He has a steady job for 35 years.

$2.50 SHOES for $2.00 at J. W. Baker's

IT will be a big show, but notwithstanding that fact, the prices for the "7—20—8" play Wednesday night will be 35, 50 and 75 cents.

F. D. CALDWELL has the best grades of hard coal. oc17dtf

S. S. TEACHERS' meeting in the Y. M. C. A. rooms this evening at 7:30. S. S. teachers are cordially invited to attend.

The Rev. Mr. Vosburgh will preach again at the Baptist church to-night at 7:30 o'clock. All are invited to attend.

HARD and Soft Coal at Martin's. nov12-dtf

SECURE reserved seats for Mary A. Livermore's lecture at Curtis & Co.'s on Monday morning.

DR. BROWN now has a telephone in working order at his office, and another at his residence, which will prove a great convenience to his patrons. 7d2

THIS forenoon Justice McGorray sent John O'Neill down to join the chain gang. He was arrested last night by Officer Condon for drunkenness.

$3.00 SHOES for $2.50 at J. W. Baker's.

THE Sangamon river is out of its banks, and work on the Cow Ford bridge is temporarily suspended.

CHEAP carriages for weddings and parties at J. B. Bullard's undertaking establishment. f19-dtf

ATTEND the meeting of citizens interested in the paving of the old square and North Main street, to be held to-night in the club-room at the tabernacle. There will be a free exchange of views concerning the matter.

PRIZE shooting gallery, opposite post office. 28dtf

EVERYBODY should be heartily in favor of paving the old square. Visitors would be happy to see the change and certainly our own people would applaud the improvement.

GET ground oats, bran, shorts, ear corn, baled hay, and all sorts of stock feed at Tuller & Parke's, near the tabernacle.

ORDER Decatur coal, lump and nut, from F. D. Caldwell. |oc17dtr

EXCELLENT canned goods and fresh country butter on sale at Niedermyer's, on the mound.

THE best of serviceable harness made to order at J. W. Tyler, jr.'s shop, south side new square.

THERE is but one person in the Lincoln jail besides Carpenter. There are seventeen criminals in the Urbana jail, and there are 24 in the Decatur bastile, 14 county and 10 city charges.

CALL at Peter Ullrich's family grocery store and get a supply of that excellent No. 4 coffee.

MEN'S, Women's and Children's Arctic Overshoes, at BARBER & BAKER'S.

THE "Decatur Mutual Life and Accident Insurance Company" has been duly incorporated under the State law.

WILSON BROS.' fine dress shirts for sale at B. Stine's. tf

WHITE, the patent gate man, is selling on an average some $200 worth of territory every day. Last Saturday his sales amounted to $500. By the substitution of a wooden for an iron bar Mr. White has reduced the cost of his gate one dollar, thus making it still more desirable. Feb. 7—d6t wl

ORDER your hard coal from F. D Caldwell. P. O. Block. |oc- 17 dtf

THE New Opera Assembly Party at the armory last night drew a merry and large company of dancers, and the music was kept going till 12 o'clock. Prof. Leonard announced that owing to the engagements made by the orchestra to play at Clinton and this city, the next Assembly dance would not be given until two weeks hence—the night of the 21st.

MRS. NELLIE BRADY, teacher of the piano. Address P. O. box 1137, or call at 975 North Water street. feb4dlw*

GO TO Dr. Thomas S. Hoskins to get your dental work done. Cor. Main and Water streets, Decatur, Ill. 21dtf

P. PERL has moved his undertaking establishment to the Perl Block, 140 to 146 South Main street, opposite Palace Hotel. feb6-d&w1mo

WE do not sound a needless alarm when we tell you that the taint of scrofula is in your blood. Inherited or acquired it is there, and Ayer's Sarsaparilla alone will effectually eradicate it. 4

ALWAYS ask for Schroeder's nickel Bohemian cigars and you'll get the best smokers.

PATRONIZE C. B. Prescott, the reliable music dealer, in opera block, and you will save money. Inspect his Haines Bros. pianos and celebrated organs.

I CAN recommend Burke's White Pine Balsam for coughs and colds.
(Rev.) W. R. GOODWIN,
Presiding Elder.

Burke's White Pine Balsam cures cold every time. Your druggist has it.

Burke's White Pine Balsam—50 cents.

SEE Hanks & Patterson, the new grocers at No. 143 South Water street, for first-class table supplies. 5

GENTLEMEN: We are glad you like our advertisements, but *you flatter us too much when you copy them.*
Feb. 5—d&wtf LINN & SCRUGGS.

FOR perfect fitting clothing go and see Cheap Charley. tf

BAKER—PHELPS.

A Quiet and Happy Marriage on South Water Street Last Evening.

A wedding of special interest and particularly notable for its quiet elegance, was solemnized last evening at 8 o'clock at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Addis, No. 463 South Water street, in the presence of the immediate relatives and a few of the intimate friends of the contracting parties. The couple joined together in wedlock were MR. JAMES W. BAKER, the well-known boot and shoe merchant, and MISS CORNELIA E. PHELPS, only daughter of Mrs. Jennie B. Phelps, widow of Arthur S. Phelps, late of Oquawka, Henderson county, Ill. The officiating clergyman was Rev. W. H. Moore, rector of St. Johns (Episcopal) church, who used the beautiful ritual ceremony, closing with an impressive benediction, immediately after which came the congratulations that were of the warmest character. A combination of plain white and brocaded satin was the make-up of the beautiful costume worn by the bride. It was liberally trimmed with elegant Spanish guipure lace, and decked with fragrant flowers. A few minutes were passed in pleasant social chat in the handsome parlors, when the company were ushered into the brilliantly lighted dining hall, where a sumptuously laden and prettily decorated table greeted the eyes of the bridal party. The wedding repast was prepared under the personal direction of the bride's aunt, Mrs. W. H. Addis, and it was complete in all its tempting and tasteful appointments.

Mr. and Mrs. Baker have taken possession of handsomely furnished apartments at No. 125 West Wood street, where they are at home to friends. The bride was for several terms a pupil at the Decatur high school, and last year she was one of a class of sixteen young ladies that graduated with high honors from St. Mary's Seminary at Knoxville, Ill.

The many acquaintances of the couple join the REPUBLICAN in wishing them unalloyed happiness.

Skating by Electric Light.

There will be a gay time at the roller skating rink at the tabernacle to-morrow night, when Manager VanAllen will welcome and entertain the public. The large room will be brightly illuminated by the new Jenney electric light. Matinee skating during the afternoon. Skating at night.

Judge Lacy to Preside.

At the March term of the Menard circuit court at Petersburg, Judge Lacy, who presided at the preliminary examination of O. A. Carpenter for the murder of Zura Burns, and held him to bail in the sum of $10,000, will occupy the bench. He will exchange with Judge Herdman at the latter's request and hear the evidence in the celebrated case, if both sides are ready for trial.

That Overacre Meeting.

The friends of F. M. Overacre, the Macon school teacher, who met in the public meeting at Macon Wednesday night, passed resolutions denouncing the Decatur papers and whitewashing the course of Overacre as well as they could. The REPUBLICAN got all of its information concerning the indiscretion of Overacre in connection with his young lady pupils from such reputable gentlemen as Mr. Trainer, county superintendent of schools, members of the Macon board of directors, and from citizens of the town who claim to be conversant with the facts in the case. Mr. Overacre himself stated in this office in the presence of witnesses that he had used endearing terms in writing to his girl pupils, and also admitted that he had been drinking whisky to steady his nerves. Further, he insisted that he was being persecuted by Mr. Brooks, of the school board, and others, because he fought and worked for the success of the prohibition ticket at the last Macon city election. It is now in order for final judgment in this matter to be suspended until after Mr. Trainer and the school board make an investigation. It will be done Saturday night. The objectionable notes have been in possession of Mr. Trainer since Tuesday and they will be brought to light to-morrow night.

The Lecture Course.

The second entertainment of the Decatur Lecture Course was given last evening at the opera hall before a "full house" by the celebrated Camilla Urso Concert Company, which comprises Camilla Urso, violin soloist; Miss Marguerite Hall, vocalist; Prof. Wm. Mason Evans, dramatic reader; Mr. Holst Hanson, baritone, and Herr Adolph Baner, pianist. As an entirety the entertainment was one of the best of that class and gave general pleasure. Camilla, who is a brunette, wore a rich sleeveless pink silk trained and trimmed with white beaded lace and point lace; ornaments, diamond necklace and rings. The next entertainment of the course will occur on Feb. 14th, when Mrs. Mary A. Livermore will deliver a lecture: subject, "The Boy of To-Day." The piano used last night was a fine "Weber," furnished by Lutz & Wise.

Boys Discharged.

The boys arrested recently charged with burning a barn on the Samuel McRoberts' farm, east of Decatur, appeared Justice Albert's court this forenoon for trial. No one appearing to prosecute the accused, they were discharged from further custody.

GRAND BAND CONCERT and roller skating Thursday evening, Feb. 14th, music by Goodman's band. Admission—Gents, 25 cents; ladies and children, 15 cents. T. T. VanAllen, Manager.

Lecture.

Mrs. Mary A. Livermore will deliver her lecture on "The Boy of To-day" at the opera house on Thursday evening, Feb. 14th. This being the third number of the Decatur Lecture Course, the issue of reserved seat checks will begin Monday morning.

THE attendance was large again last night at the U. B. church. Rev. Field preached a sermon, after which several asked for the prayers of the church. The interest is still good. Bishop Kephart, D. D., is expected to be present at the services this evening, and will remain a few days.

Emboroideries.

Just in, a handsome and well-assorted line. We offer them at a small advance over and above cost. No fancy prices or extravagant profits. *We sell all classes of goods at small, uniform profits.* Don't forget this fact, and to test the truth of our statement come and see.
Big 18, CHEAP STORE.
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Why Not Give It to Decatur?

The towns of Springfield and Peoria are just now having a smart wrangle over the question of selecting the place of holding the forthcoming Republican nominating convention, and next Tuesday the state central committee will meet in Chicago and decide the much discussed matter. So far as this section is concerned our people are in favor of Springfield as the most suitable point, next to Decatur. This city has never had a Republican convention since 1860, and there are many good reasons why we should have it, chief among which are that we have a big tabernacle in which to hold the convention, the best of railroad facilities, and our hotel keepers and hospitable citizens have demonstrated that Decatur can sleep and entertain in a princely manner a good sized crowd. Bring the convention to Decatur. There are no political barnacles or distilleries hereabouts, and each candidate for the nomination will have a fair show in this city.

The Kate Benjamin Case.

The case of the People vs. Mrs. Kate Benjamin, arrested on a charge of the larceny of two notes, one valued at $1,000 and the other at $300, came up for trial before Justice Lowry this forenoon, and the room was crowded with witnesses and spectators. The complainant is Mrs. Spangler, the widow. The People are represented by Mr. Johns, and the defendant by Attorneys Buckingham, Clokey and Hutchison. The defendant disclaims any knowledge of the whereabouts of the $300 note, but she has the $1000 note which is in court. She claims to have come by it honestly and says she is willing and ready to meet any financial obligation standing against her. The trial may reach an end to-morrow.

Fired Out of Town.

Edward Evans and Charles Bunn, the two tramps arrested the other night for vagrancy and on suspicion of having gone through Niedermyer's grocery store and B. & D.'s meat market Sunday night, were taken out of jail yesterday evening and given fifteen minutes to get out of town. The chances for convicting them were deemed thin by Capt. Howes, of the police force, and their enforced exodus is certainly a good riddance to bad rubbish.

Grand Literary Entertainment

We publish below the programme of the entertainment to be given at the tabernacle Friday evening, for the benefit of Mrs. M. J. Hughes. Most of the names of those taking part in the exercises are familiar to our readers and need neither introduction nor commendation from us. A rare treat is in store for all those who attend.

PROGRAMME.

Music by Band.
"Miss Edith Helps Things Along," . . . Gracie Fielder.
"Out o' the Fire," . . . . . Mrs. M. J. Hughes.
"Loah, the Forsaken," . . Miss Barbara Replogle
Music by Band.
"Who Would be a Boy Again," . . . Cort Cain.
Sleep Walking—Scene from Macbeth, ...
Mrs. M. L. Cain.
Susie's Letter, ... Gracie Fielder.
Legend of Brogenz . . . . . Herdie Rush
Equal Rights. . . . . Mrs. M. J. Hughes.
Music by Band.
Socrates Setting a Hen, . . Miss Barbara Replogle.
Sonrated Snooks. . . . . Miss Lulu Fielder
Miss Maloney on the Chinese Question, ... Mrs. M. J. Hughes.
American' Conversion . . . . . Miss Mary Harley.

Doors open at 7; begins at 8. Adults, 15 cents; children, 10 cents.

A Bad House "Pulled"

It was reported around town last night that George N. Minor had died from the effects of the beating he says he received at "Idlewild" last Tuesday, and State's Attorney Johns and Mayor Chambers ordered the officers to pull the house and lodge in jail all beneath the roof of the establishment. Captain Howes, aided by Officers Hartley, Bailey, Helmick, Welty, Reynolds and Ringland, swooped down upon the place and took in custody Mrs. Davis and four young women. One of the five girls in the house got out of a side door and escaped. Mrs. Davis' man Friday, sickly Frank McCullom, was also arrested, but three young men of Decatur who cannot be considered specially prominent, were permitted to go away without interference. The women and McCullom were brought up town and placed in jail and the house was closed up. Mrs. Davis was found reclining on a bed reading a newspaper, and she pretended to be sick, but she had to go to jail just the same. The party will be brought before a justice this afternoon and each fined $25 or more for being an inmate of a bawdy house. Mrs. Davis was arrested on a charge of assault and battery, made by Minor.

George Minor is not dead. He went to Warrensburg Wednesday evening, and yesterday morning he was attended at the village hotel by Dr. Catto of that place. The doctor removed some matter from the wound and the report got abroad that if that stuff had not been taken away Minor would surely have died. He ate a hearty dinner yesterday, and was alive and doing well at last accounts to-day.

The Fish Law in Illinois.

To Whom it May Concern: The close season for fish commences February 15. The law says: "That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to catch or kill any fish of the species commonly called Black, Green, Silver or White Bass, Pike, Pickerel, Salmon, Land Lock Salmon, Jack Salmon, Croppy or Grass Bass, Sun Fish or Sun Perch, or other fish commonly known as Game Fish, in or upon any of the rivers, creeks, streams, ponds, lakes, sloughs, bayous or other water courses wholly within or running through the State of Illinois, with any seine, net, weir, or other device, other than with hook and line, from the fifteenth day of February to the fifteenth day of June, in each and every year." Attorney General McCartney says, in an opinion in reply to the following question: "What is the meaning of the words 'game fish,' as used in section 1, of an act approved May 13, 1879, laws of 1879, page 168." "The words 'game fish' include any and all fish commonly used and suitable for food, whether belonging to any of the species named in said section 1, of the act of May 13, 1879, or not." All interested in the re-population of our streams and the increase of our supply of food fishes, are earnestly requested to aid the Commissioners in seeing the law for the protection of fish enforced, particularly during the spawning or close season. Copies of the law, for posting or use, can be had on application to the Secretary of the Board.
S. P. BARTLETT, Secretary.

N. K. FAIRBANK, Pres., Chicago; S. P. BARTLETT, Secretary, Quincy; GEORGE BRUNING, Centralia.

Hosiery.

Ladies in want or need of Hosiery, can find with us an assortment unexcelled in central Illinois. We show every kind, make and quality for ladies, misses, children and infants, and offer them for the next thirty days at and below actual cost. In this as in nearly every other department we give you more for your money than any other house in Decatur. See
Big 18, CHEAP STORE.
Feb. 2—d&w1w

PERSONAL MENTION.

Robert Bivans, of Macon, visited the city last evening.

Miss Hattie Shoaff, of Paris, Ill., is a guest of Mrs. F. W. Haines.

Sheriff Foster and Marshal Mason got home from Joliet this morning.

John Bixby is thinking seriously of going west to "grow up with the country."

Camilla Urso, Frederic Suer, her husband, and troupe registered last evening at the New Deming.

Query; When is Fred Liston to stop off? It's his turn next. The barbers must go.

Miss Mary Bowdle, of Piatt county, attended the Camilla Urso concert last evening.

John Irwin, of the White Front, was yesterday re-elected Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge I. O. M. A.

Miss Ethel Snyder, of Atlanta, Ga., is visiting for a few days at the home of her aunt, Mrs. I. D. Jennings, in Long Creek township.

James W. Ham left for the east and south last night in the interest of the Mexican Palmea Soap Company. Operations at the factory under the new management will begin at once.

The friends of James O. Carder will be gratified to learn that his condition is very much improved, and that strong hopes are now entertained that he will be up and around again.

L. Cazalet, a member of the Macon school board, called this week and renewed his subscription to the REPUBLICAN. He is disposed to suspend judgment in the Overacre case until a full investigation is had.

Hal. Hoffman, a son of ex-Rev. H. O. Hoffman, of Quincy, was married to a Miss McQuown, of Hillsboro, on Tuesday evening last. Hal. is a literary fellow, having done much writing for the Bloomington press.

John Fornof, editor of the Streator Daily *Free Press*, paid us a friendly call to-day. He was formerly a compositor in the old *Decatur Tribune* office. He is on his way to Streator, after visiting his relatives at Macon.

Gen. John A. Logan's son stands second to the highest in his class of 100 members at the West Point United States Milatary Academy, and the General's friends proudly speak of the lad as "a chip of the old block."

W. E. Dockson, the sign artist, has fitted up what he calls "Dockson's Boudoir" in the front of Wise's furniture store, second door north of the New Deming hotel. It is small but neat, elegantly adorned with gilt paper, Brussels carpet, bronze statuary, and bric-a-brac of the early English 14th century.

Y. M. C. A.

Owing to the illness of Miss Judd the German class in the Y. M. C. A. rooms will not meet to-night. Members, take notice.

IN MEMORIAM.

The Decatur Monument which Marks the Grave of Robert Matheney

Chestnut Cor. Mt. Pulaski Citizen.

On Tuesday Mr. W. Grindol, of Decatur, to whom was awarded the contract for Robert D. Matheney's monument, placed in position in the cemetery near here, at the grave of the unfortunate victim of the triple murder, one of the most artistic pieces of workmanship which ornaments our cemetery. It is of Concord granite, 7 feet 8 inches in height, and smoothly polished from apex of spire to bottom of base, and is elegantly engraved and designed, reflecting much credit on the skill of Mr. Grindol and his workmen, and will be a source of satisfaction to those who contributed for its erection, as it not only serves the purpose they intended, but adds materially to the beauty and neatness of the cemetery in which it stands.

On a raised plate on the front of the monument appears the following inscription:

"Robert D. Matheney,
Murdered Aug. 18th, 1882.
Aged 20 yrs., 8 mon., 10 da.

Beneath which is written, at the request of his grief-stricken sister:

"Dearest Brother thou hast left us,
Here thy loss we deeply feel,
But 'tis God that hath bereft us,
He can all our sorrows heal."

The following comprises the amounts of the monument fund from different places:

Citizens of Advance, Ill., (Matheney's home,)	$40 00
Citizens of Mt. Pulaski and vicinity,	20 00
Citizens of Chestnut and vicinity,	23 20
Total	$83 20

Among those entitled to especial mention in connection with this enterprise is Mr. Grindol, of Decatur, who furnished a monument worth $150 for the amount subscribed, and the editor of the Mt. Pulaski *Citizen*, who originated and by his untiring efforts made it a success.

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MARRIED.

At the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Evans, at Taylorville, Ill., on Tuesday, Feb. 5, 1884, at 12:30 p. m., by Rev. Mr. McBride, MR. ORIEN D. JENNINGS, of Decatur, Ill., and MISS MANIA RUTLEDGE, of Taylorville.

A splendid wedding dinner was discussed by the bridal party before the departure of Mr. Jennings and bride for the home of the groom's father, Mr. Chas. H. Jennings, near Boody, where on Wednesday evening a reception was held which was attended by about 50 people, also Mr. and Mrs. Amos Conklin, of Decatur. A sumptuous infair supper was served which was voted the finest repast ever served in that vicinity. The company lingered at the tempting tables fully an hour. Mr. and Mrs. Jennings arrived in the city yesterday, and for the present will make their home at the Fountain hotel. O. D. will resume his duties as one of the chief barbers at Norman's Saturday morning.

NEW YORK MARKET.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.

WHEAT—$1.08⅝ Feb; $1.10⅞ March; — April; $1.13⅞ May.
CORN—62⅝ Feb; 64⅛ Mar; — Apr; 65⅝ May.
OATS—41 Feb; 42 Mar; — Apr; May 42¼.

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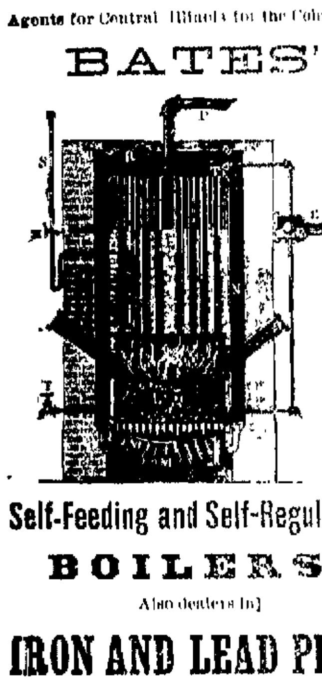

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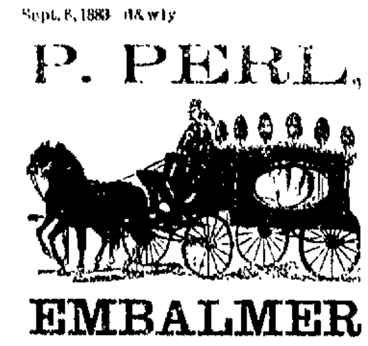

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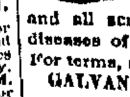

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Jan 8—d&wly

The Daily Republican.

A DOCTOR'S OPINION.

EDS. REPUBLICAN:—I respectfully request space to call attention to a tirade of abuse on the doctors of Decatur, which appeared in the *Review* of Feb. 6th.

While favoring the ordinance which makes *itinerant* venders of drugs or *itinerant* doctors pay a license, for one I do not recollect ever to have felt that the *great mass* of the people were unable to take care of themselves. But are there not a *few* who need protection?

The charge of ignorance brought against the doctors by Mr. Jack and by a correspondent in the issue of the 7th, and endorsed by him, may be correct, as but few persons are capable of "seeing themselves as others see them." But it is refreshing to know that at least two gentlemen are so well informed that they are capable of selecting the particular patent medicine which will cure their ills, and are thus independent of the doctors.

Mr. Jack's remarks about the doctors and the croton oil are probably as near the truth as such charges usually are. The physician called upon to examine the man found that he did not have the smallpox, but that the fellow had produced an eruption by the use of croton oil.

But the gravest charge is that the doctors adopt a fee bill. The facts are that there are a score of doctors in Decatur struggling for bread, and competition is as lively with us as it is amongst any other class of citizens. And if circumstances ever arise with Mr. Jack, or his friend, when sickness or other cause prevent them from selecting the proper patent medicine, they can find *two bit* doctors just as they can find two bit journalists. The doctors' fee bill is made as a "general guide," "yet each member is left to his full discretion to increase or diminish his own rate of compensation, in view of the pecuniary circumstances of his patients, or as a conscientious estimate of his services dictates." It is, therefore, certainly not more unprofessional to violate the fee bill than with printers it is to cut on rates, or with venders of patent medicines to undersell their competitors.

We are also charged with refusing to advertise and make known our powers. While this is true Mr. Jack does not look at the matter in the same light that the doctors do. They know by experience that advertisements do not pay them, and it is because they do not pay that they do not advertise.

Young men just commencing business and strangers coming to a city with a view to locating are benefitted by advertising and should advertise. But it is known, not only to physicians, but to the public, that any physician who has resided in one locality for five years or longer, and advertises his business, especially if he promises to *cure* diseases that other physicians in his locality are treating, does so because he is in a *desperate strait* and must blow his trumpet for fear the dear people will not recollect that he is alive. If Mr. Jack, or his friend, should get tired of prescribing for themselves, and seek a doctor in Chicago or St. Louis, would they call on the advertising chap? Or, would they accept the popular verdict, and call on the man whose reputation does not demand *self laudation*, or even a modest card in a daily paper? The attempt to impose on the ignorant by asserting that the recent ordinance would compel Armstrong, or any other druggist, to pay a weekly license to sell patent medicines is too weak to need controverting. But, poor fellow, his cry to the Lord for deliverance, he says, was caused by the success of the doctors in canceling his quack advertisement. If Brother Jack is unsuccessful and cannot refill his columns as the other papers do, "let him suffer the consequences; just as other professional men do," and not abuse the doctors to pay for his loss.

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They Must Have It.

What? A writing machine. Who? All business men. Why? Because it is needed in their business, and they cannot do without one if they consult their own interests. The Ideal Caligraph is the only perfect writing machine and J. H. Durfee is the agent. References—J. T. Montgomery, Morehouse & Wells, R. Eugene Pratt, Warren & Durfee, Mills Bros. and the machine. Sample machine at circuit clerk's office. March 9-dtf

OUR great slaughter sale of Winter Goods still goes on. FLEURY, the French Cutter. tf

DECATUR's only one-price Clothing and Merchant Tailoring Establishment, corner Old Square. tf

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THOS. PENIWELL,
Passenger and Excursion Agent, Decatur, Illinois. d4-dtf

IT is worth noting that in the course of a libel trial in New York the other day, Mr. Joseph Hart swore that the celebrated Morey letter was published at the instance of the Democratic National Committee afterwards paid $300 for an affidavit purporting to be made by one Lindsay, declaring the letter to be genuine, notwithstanding Gen. Garfield's denial. These things have been charged before and flatly disputed by the parties concerned, but now that they are distinctly sworn to, it would seem to be in order for Messrs. Barnum, Randall, Hewitt and Cooper to introduce some other testimony than their mere assertions of innocense. Otherwise, the country will be confirmed in the opinion that they were personally responsible for an attempt to influence the result of the last election by means of a most scandalous and infamous forgery.

Griggs' Glycerine Salve.

The best on earth, can truly be said of Griggs' Glycerine Salve, which is a sure cure for cuts, bruises, scalds, burns, wounds, and all other sores. Will positively cure piles, tetter and all skin eruptions. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded. Only 25 cents. For sale by Dr. A. J. Stoner, physician and druggist, 14 south side new square, Decatur, Ill. may19-d&w1yr

Mardi Gras Excursion to New Orleans.

The Illinois Central Rail Road will run an excursion to the New Orleans Mardi Gros, Tuesday Feb. 19th, at an astonishing low round trip rate. Return tickets good for 30 days. Tickets will also be sold for this excursion to points in Florada and Texas good to return until June 1st. Sleeping cars will run through to New Orleans without change. For berths in sleepers and for circulars giving time of train, rates, &c., apply to the undersigned at Manchester, Iowa. This train arrives at New Orleans, Feb. 21, in ample time to secure boarding house accommodations before the rush of the 25, and 26. J. F. MERRY,
30d&w3t G. W. P. A.

TULLER & PARKE

Wish to say to those who use milk (and almost every one does) that it is an unquestioned fact that to have good milk good material must be used to produce it, and that their "New York Dairy Feed" is THE FEED that will produce milk of unequaled quality, and largely increased quantity, also keep cows in good condition. They believe that a ground feed, if made of clean, sound material, and mixed in proper proportions, is the best and the cheapest feed that can be given, whether to one cow or many of them, results considered.

And to those who are making the production of cream for the creamery here a part of their business, they wish to say in particular that they candidly believe a fair, honest trial, of long enough time to get results, will prove to them that is is economy to use the "New York Dairy Feed." For sale by the ton or hundred pounds, or in less quantities, at their place of business, at the scales, near the tabernacle. feb2d1w

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THE Atlanta *Constitution* is not impressed with the statesmanship of Henry Watterson, as will appear from the following editorial utterance: "Editor Watterson is not only willing to send the entire republic tumbling after Frank Hurd on a pair of free trade trucks, but he wants a Democratic House of Representatives to indulge in the most odious species of class legislation that could possibly be devised. He wants the Democratic party to go howling before the country on a platform made up of free trade and a subsidy to the whisky Ring. This is a very pretty scheme, but isn't there some doubt as to whether it will be endorsed by that large body of perfectly independent voters who hold the balance of power at the North?"

THE use of Ely's Cream Balm, a sure cure for Catarrh, Hay Fever and Cold in Head, is attended with no pain, annoyance or dread, which can be said of no other remedy. Price 50 cents.

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Dec. 28, d&wtf

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ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE

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REAL ESTATE.

BY virtue of an order of the County Court of Macon county, in the State of Illinois, made at the January Term thereof, A. D. 1884, upon the petition of the undersigned, David R. Magaw, administrator of the estate of Samuel Magaw, deceased petitioner, vs. Enoch Magaw, Matilda Magaw, Daniel Magaw, Elmer L. Magaw, David Magaw, Delilah Fombelle, Sarah J. Banks, Edward W. Banks, Lydia Magaw, Jesse Swick, Oscar A. Swick, Isabella Albright, Job Albright, Susan Swick, Oliver Swick, William H. Swick, James A. Swick, Jesse H. Swick, James McQuiston, John McQuiston, William French, Margaret Collans, Patrick Collans, Alexander J. Wooster, Charles A. Wooster, Gabriel Wooster, Lany Phillis, Joseph Phillis, Gabriel L. Fombelle, Angeline Fombelle, Justin S. Fombelle, Mattie Fombelle, James Fombelle, Alex Fombelle, Jane Fombelle, James D. Fombelle, Elvira D. Motz, Jonathan Price, Elizabeth Fombelle, Theophilus Fombelle, Eunice Gray, James L. Gray, Samuel Magaw, Sarah A. Magaw, John Magaw, Adaliza Magaw, Delilah Whittington, Benjamin Whittington, Mary J. Barlow, Francis M. Barlow, Susan Stull, Andrew J. Stull, Lovira Magaw, Florence E. Magaw, James H. Magaw, Daisy D. Magaw, Ina Magaw, Catherine Brown, Virgil A. Brown, Theophilus Magaw, Della Magaw, William D. Magaw, James Magaw, Jr., Sampson R. Magaw, Jane Magaw, James D. Fombelle, Jane Fombelle, Mary L. Fombelle, John Bainter, William Bainter, and the unknown heirs of Samuel Magaw, deceased, defendants, I will, on the 29th day of February, A. D. 1884, between the hours of ten o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock of the afternoon of said day sell at public vendue at the front door of the county clerk's office in the city of Decatur, in said county of Macon, the following described real estate, situated in the county of Macon, in the State of Illinois, to-wit: An undivided half of the southeast quarter of section eighteen (18), in township seventeen (17) north, range three (3) east of the third principal meridian, being all the interest of said Samuel Magaw, deceased, therein.

TERMS OF SALE.—One-half of the purchase money to be paid upon the confirmation of of the report of sale by the Court, and the remainder twelve months thereafter—such remainder to bear interest at six per cent. and to be secured by note with good personal security and mortgage or sale mortgage on the premises sold, the purchaser to have the privilege of paying all down at confirmation of report of sale. No conveyance will be made until the sale has been reported and approved by the court.

Dated this 28th day of January, A. D. 1884.

DAVID R. MAGAW,
Administrator of the Estate of Samuel Magaw, deceased. jan29d1w

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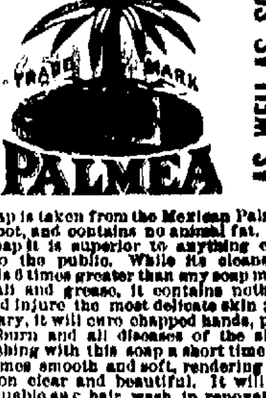

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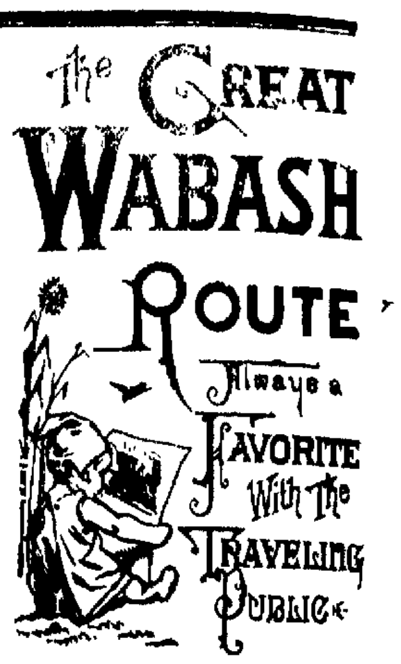

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Going "	4.20 p. m
Going "	6.10 a. m

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No. 275, St. Louis Express	4:00 a. m
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" 43, Fast Line	5:05 a. m
" 1, Decatur and St. Louis Accom.	6:30 a. m
" 5, Fast Mail	3:35 p. m

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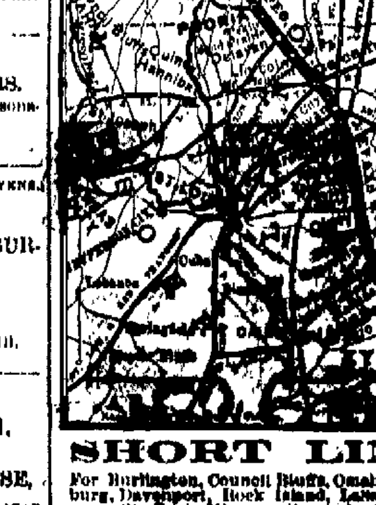

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